

AD 250

By AD 250 Roman law was a vast and constantly growing congeries of statutes, decisions and other legal records

250-253

21st Pope St. Cornelius
Rome, Martyr. In his reign, the
clergy of Rome numbered 200
and the faithful 30,000.
He convened a Council
in which NOVATIAN,
a schismatic anti-pope
was excommunicated.

250 A.D. \pm 50

Rome
Later emperors resorted to
the odious practice of robbing
the public by putting less
valuable metal in coins.
People soon found out;
prices rose, ending
in a financial catastrophe
in the 3rd century A.D.

Seventh persecution under Decius, this most bloody and systematic persecution which was directed especially against the bishops and clergy was decreed by Decius. Among the victims were the virgin St. Agatha and St. Apollonia.

250 A.D.

First use of zero, about 250 A.D.

250 AD.

China

1 li = $\frac{1}{2}$ kilometer

250 AD \pm 50

China

The water lift called "dragon's backbone" was one of the inventions of Ma Jun, an outstanding engineer during the 3rd century A.D. He improved the silk loom. The lift was an improved model of Bi-han. Consisted of trough with one end in the water. In it moved a series of flat pieces of wood, standing upright and closely fitting the

trough (picture pg 43 of book China's Ancient
Technology). Through the center of ea. pc of
wood was attached other piece of wood (similar
to a chain) connected by movable joints spacing
the boards at equal distances (rather like
a continuous belt. This ran over a large wheel
at the top of the trough and a smaller
one at the bottom, powered by one or more people
turning by use of feet and steps on
a wheel

250 AD.

MANI founds Manichaeism,
religion popular in
Middle Ages.

250 AD

Piles of skulls of dead Greek Orthodox monks are stacked in St. Catherine's monastery, near the foot of Jabal Musa, the traditional Mount Sinai (at the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba), the holy site revered as the place where God spoke to Moses from the Burning Bush. Christian monks since about 250 AD, have lived

and prayed at St. Catherine's, and it
is their wish even today to have their
own heads added to the pile.

750 ± 50

The Buddha himself was as much
a Hindu as his Brahman opponents
and did not quarrel with the
fundamental ideas upon which
Hindu society is based.

Buddhism was only one of the many
schools of religious thought
to which the great Indo-Aryan
social nexus called Hinduism

gave birth. It is a common error
to regard Hinduism as a definite
religious creed, like Christianity or Islam.
A Hindu is allowed the widest choice
of philosophical and theological doctrines
provided they do not conflict with the
rules of caste which regulate the social
and religious life of all Hinduism
particularly the strict rules of intermarriage
and diet, which are the pivot of the
idea of Caste Purity

Anthony & Paul, the first recorded
christian hermits retired to the
deserts near Alexandria

Their example attracted
numerous imitators

250 AD

Ostrogathes settled in the
Cusma about 250 AD.

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Christians in Antioch were
celebrating Christ's birth on
Dec. 25.

In 350 the Church officially
recognized the date of
Christ's birth as Dec 25.

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In middle of 2nd cen.
Christians in Antioch were
already celebrating Christ's birth
on Dec. 25.

The day was not officially
recognized by the church
as the date of Christ's
birth until A.D. 350.

It was Dec 25 because the
day was formerly celebrated

by worshippers of the god MITHRA
as in the "Dies Invicti Solis"
or "Day of the Invincible Sun".

It seemed natural to Christians
to replace Mithra with Christ —
called in the Bible:
The Sun of Righteousness

250 AD

Maya city states arise
in the Yucatan Peninsula

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Duncan; Cal

The Maya also invented
a true zero

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185-254

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ORIGEN

"HEXAPLA," "TOMOI" "DE PRINCIP IIIS

"Against CELSUS
by ORIGEN

Called also ADAMANTIUS

The most famous Christian writer
of the third century.

In the reign of Decius
severe and active persecution
of Christians was the policy

250

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7th general persecution
of Christians was under
DECIUS (250)

In Persecution of DECIUS,
ORIGEN was imprisoned, tortured,
and pilloried; this experience
probably caused his death

250AD to 265AD

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Roman Empire

Plague (smallpox or bubonic plague)
many provincial towns
depopulated.

In Rome itself, for some time
5,000 persons died daily.

250

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Early Christian library was
founded by Alexander, the Bishop